



NORTH STAR NEWS

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Mark Your Calendar

2/15	President's Day - No School
2/16	PTC Meeting (online) 6:30 p.m.
2/17	Immunization Exclusion Deadline
2/22-2/26	Spirit Week
2/24	C&I Day - No School
2/25	Virtual Award Assembly



[Click here](#) for the updated school year calendar.

Important Information

Immunization Exclusion Date

Exclusion day for state required vaccinations is Wednesday, February 17, 2021. Letters will be mailed by MESD to parents whose children are not up-to-date or whose records are incomplete. Should you receive a letter, please provide updated information to the school as soon as possible. Even though we are currently in online learning, once in-person instruction resumes (date unknown at this time) children who are not up-to-date with their vaccinations will not be able to attend school until records are complete.

Parent Requests For IN-DISTRICT Transfers

Accepted March 1-31, 2021 * Deadline is March 31, 2021

The Gresham-Barlow School District will accept in-district transfer requests for the 2021-2022 school year during the month of March only.

If you live within the Gresham-Barlow district and want your child to attend a Gresham-Barlow school outside of your attendance area, you need to request an in-district transfer. If your student currently has an in-district transfer and is moving from elementary to middle or middle to high, please submit a new request.

A digital transfer request form will be available on the Transfers section of the district website, <http://gresham.k12.or.us/Page/2249>. The link to this form can also be emailed to you directly if you request it from any GBSD school or district office. Forms must be submitted by March 31, 2021.

You will be notified in writing after review of all requests. Please note: kindergarten and first grade requests may not be decided upon until late summer after elementary registration. For further information, contact the Gresham-Barlow School District Office at 503-261-4575.



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Remind App

Sign-up for the Remind app to keep in touch with your student's teacher! No matter where you are or what you're doing, get important school updates right on your phone. More information and sign-up [here](#).

Stay Updated

Please visit our district [website](#) to stay updated on current events, information, and resources during distance learning. For North Gresham events and updates, please visit our school website [here](#).

ParentVue

Register on ParentVue. If you need assistance with setting up ParentVue, please call the school at 503-661-6415. You can also email our secretaries at thomas82@gresham.k12.or.us or stevens@gresham.k12.or.us. Visit the ParentVue web page to login or sign up: <https://www.gresham.k12.or.us/domain/2446>

Resources

Counselor's Corner

Dear North Gresham Families,

We know with school being at home it has created some interesting and sometimes challenging family dynamics. Try one of these out to reduce some stress in your family:

Gratitude at Dinner- Go around the table and have each person name at least one thing they were grateful for that day. Do this once or make it something you do every night. Dinner too chaotic? Try before bed.

Play charades- Write down several animals, people, objects, etc. Put them in a bowl. Take turns picking one out of the bowl and acting it out. Everyone else guesses what/who they are. This is sure to bring laughs!

We Reach, We Rise, We Shine... with kindness,
Ms. Chu and Mrs. Harshfield

Reynold's Student Health Center NOW OPEN!

[Click here](#) to learn more.



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Grab-and-Go Meals

Monday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. [Click here](#) for more information.

Utility Financial Assistance

The City of Gresham's new utility assistance programs help customers struggling to pay utility or garbage bills. [Click here](#) to learn more and to apply for assistance.

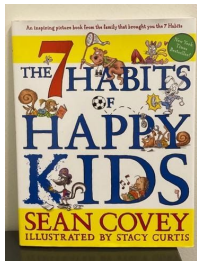
Stay Connected

Follow Us on Facebook

Follow and like North Gresham Elementary's Facebook page! Watch Morning Announcements Monday-Friday at 8:10 a.m., and Story Time Monday-Thursday at 7:30 p.m.!

Go to: www.facebook.com/NorthGreshamElementarySchool.

PBIS



Over the course of the year we will be teaching students about character traits presented in Steven Covey's book "The 7 Habits of Happy Kids." Students will learn about these traits during morning announcements and in their classroom. At the end of the month classroom teachers will nominate students that have exemplified the character trait to be recognized at the monthly assembly.



Seek First to Understand,
Then to Be Understood®

Virtual Recess

Virtual recesses are now in session! This is a great way for your students to connect with their classmates and other students to build their social skills and confidence. Students have the opportunity to meet virtually for social time, show and tell, coloring, games, and other activities hosted by one of our educational assistants. Virtual recess is available Monday-Friday, 11:05-11:20 a.m. for grades K-2 and 11:25-11:40 a.m. for grades 3-5. Students join by clicking on the virtual recess link in their Google Classroom.

Spirit Week, Virtual Assembly & Attendance Challenge Reward

February's spirit week will be 2/22-2/26. During that week, students and staff can dress up each day to show their school spirit.



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- Monday, 2/22 - Tie-Dye Day, wear tie-dyed clothes!
- Tuesday, 2/23 - Backwards Day, wear your clothes backwards!
- Wednesday, 2/24 - C&I Day, No School
- Thursday, 2/25 - Rainbow Day, wear as many colors as possible!
- Friday, 2/26 - Aloha Day, dress up Hawaiian style!

Don't forget to take photos and post them on Facebook, or email them with permission to post to our Head Secretary, Nina Thomas, at thomas82@gresham.k12.or.us. We love to see our North Stars showing their school spirit!

Our February assembly will be on 2/25, and it will be virtual. The link to watch will be posted on Facebook and in Google Classroom. If students meet the 85% or better attendance mark, they will be rewarded by watching Ms. [NAME] get slimed. Tune in on 2/25 to find out!

SUN

Hey North Stars! Ready for some more SUN fun with Ms. Izzy? Starting February 15th tune in to our [North Gresham Facebook](#) page on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to see Ms. Izzy's latest projects. Mondays Ms. Izzy will teach us how to make her favorite snacks, Wednesdays is SUN read-aloud, and on Fridays join Ms. Izzy for some Arts & Crafts. If you need supplies or ingredients to follow along with our videos please contact our SUN Site Manager Yessica Ramirez at 503 519-8523 or by email at yessicar@mfs.email.

PTC

Your Virtual PTC meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month. We welcome all school staff, parents & community members to watch Live on YouTube from any personal device during the event. Our February meeting will be on Tuesday, February 16th at 6:30 p.m. Please watch on our YouTube Channel to chat & participate in the meeting. Visit: www.northgreshamptc.com for the link!

Remember, to scan your grocery receipts using the Box Top App (After you scan the receipt, click on the STAR "Credit", and put in your child's teacher's last name to give Credit to that teacher. Yes! We will have competitions.) You can also give back with Smile.Amazon.com (North Gresham Grade School Parent Teacher Club) and Fred Meyers Community Rewards (North Gresham Parent Teacher Club). All funds go back to the school and support our students!

Contacting the Office

You can reach the office staff by calling our school at 503-661-6415, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please leave a voicemail, if necessary, and your call will be returned as soon as possible. You can also email our office team at any time. Nina Thomas at thomas82@gresham.k12.or.us, and Heather Stevens at stevens@gresham.k12.or.us.



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Send Your Photos!

We started a Facebook photo album called *North Stars Shine Online*. We want to see photos of North students and staff showing us how they shine during online learning. Take a picture of your child's school workspace, doing their schoolwork, or a photo of a drawing or special message they made encouraging their fellow North Stars! Do you want your photo added to the album? Send to Nina Thomas at thomas82@gresham.k12.or.us. View our album [here](#).